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## Amendment and Response to Office Action

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the non final office action mailed May 31, 2007.

A three month extension of time to respond to the office action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this response to restriction requirement and Amendment. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 4231/2055I.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.